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**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 17-365**

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Peoples Mutual Telephone Company and Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company to RiverStreet Management Services, LLC

**Notice of Ex Parte Meeting**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On March 15, 2018, Michael Shultz, Michael Skrivan and Garret Van Osdall of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. ("Transferor"), Eric Cramer of RiverStreet Management Services, LLC ("Transferee"), Daniel Higgins of Burns, Day & Presnell, P.A., Counsel for Transferee, and Russell Blau of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, met with Daniel Kahn, Division Chief of the Competition Policy Division, and Dennis Johnson with the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The parties discussed the status of the application and the timing of the approval. They noted that prompt approval will allow Transferee to proceed with completing the buildout of broadband facilities to CAF II supported locations. As of Dec. 31, 2017, Transferor has completed the buildout to 2,215 of the 2,440 supported locations in this study area. Representatives from Transferor and Transferee explained their need to close the transaction before the end of the financial quarter. Wilkes Telephone, the parent company of Transferee, discussed that they have several completed, pending or potential transactions that will require billing cut-overs that need to be sequenced, including the Transferee's acquisition of Peoples Mutual Telephone Company and Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company (together, "Peoples Mutual"). Any delay in completing the acquisition of Peoples Mutual has the potential to cause delays for other cut-overs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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